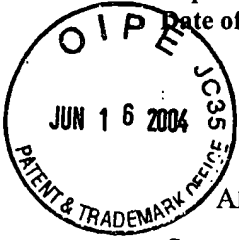


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RESPONSE TO JANUARY 16, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time for two months, up to and including June 16, 2004, with the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.